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Sir:

During the interview scheduled to take place on May 5, 2011 at 12 PM ET/ 11 AM CT, Applicant's Representative would like to discuss the following:

I.   Applicant respectfully believes the finality of the Office Action is premature.

a.   The Office Action has set forth a new grounds of rejection with respect to at least claim 13. In Applicant's prior response, claim 13 was amended to be in independent form; Applicant's amendment did not necessitate a new search. The present Office Action now rejects claim 13 under a proposed combination of Hijmiragha and Beran. The previous Office Action applied Hijmiragha and Han.

II.   Independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited Hijmiragha and Beran references.

a.   The cited references at least do not teach or suggest, either separately or in combination, an index having an entry for each of a plurality of RFQs, each of the RFQs being generated by an RFQ generator that is resident at one of a plurality of requestors and each of the RFQs being stored at a data store remotely located from a first data store where the index is stored.

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b.   The cited references also do not teach or suggest filtering entries in the index based on supplier filter criteria to create a subset of entries, and selecting an entry from the subset.

III.   Independent claim 11 is patentable over the cited references.

a.   The cited references at least do not teach or suggest, either separately or in combination, providing supplier registration information from a requestor to a registration component and downloading an RFQ generation engine to the requestor and, after the RFQ generation engine is downloaded to the requestor, using the RFQ generation engine at the requestor to enter job information into a template. The Office Action cites Beran as allegedly disclosing these features. However, Beran discloses a centralized commerce system controlled by a single server and database. Each of the cited modules are software modules in the centralized commerce system 100 for carrying out functions at the centralized database. There is no teaching or suggestion of downloading an RFQ generation engine to a requestor as claimed.

IV.   Independent claim 13 is patentable over the cited references.

a.   The cited references at least do not teach or suggest entering requestor filter criteria, saving an RFQ template in a data store local to a computer system at the requestor, and sending index information to an index remote from the computer system of the requestor.

V.   Independent claim 15 is patentable over the cited references.

a.   The cited references at least do not teach or suggest indexing information for each RFQ, the indexing information being provided by an RFQ generator at the requestor that generated the RFQ and an entry in an index in a data store remote from the requestor computer system for each RFQ as claimed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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